private sector towards financing these power projects in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of power available at present in the country and the extent shortage against estimated demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Building for Circle Office of Orissa Telecom.

483. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Circle Office of Orissa Telecom. Circle is not having its own office building; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts made so far to secure a building/plot from the local administration/housing body so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

The Circle office of Orissa Telecom Circle is now functioning in a departmental building which is a joint property of Postal and Telecom Circle.

However, in view of insufficient accomodation, the Orissa State Government Authority has been requested for allotment of Government Land nearer to the existing Circle Office to construct an additional accomodation for future requirement. The case has not yet been finalised.

Coverage of Konkan Region By Doordarshan

484. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be Pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that vast tracks of areas in Konkan region are not covered either by the Bombay Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) a low power TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Kankauli in Sindhudurg district, as part of Doordarshan's' Annual Plan 19912-92. Further improvement of TV service in Konkan region would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

[*Translation*]

Bihar State Electricity Board to Raise Power production

485. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar State Electricity Board has not got the approval to raise power generation in Bihar during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-

VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). No such approval is necessary. Bihar State Electricity Board is expected to ensure that power generation in its stations is mexmised.

[*English*]

Meetings of Regional Film Certification Board

486. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 5620 on September 4, 1991 and state:

(a) the number of times invitations were sent for viewing to the 28 members out of 37 of Eastern Regional Film Certification Board, who have attended less than 20 viewings;

(b) how many meetings of the RFCB were held during the last two years; and

(c) whether the Government propose to investigate the functioning of Eastern RFCB In view of less viewings by Members?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

(c) A view will be taken only on receipt of the above information.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Newsprint Quota to Newspapers

487. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to allot newsprint quota to newspapers after one year of their publication;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether small newspapers having less resources will face problems in publishing newspapers; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Government propose to help such small newspapers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision has been taken in order to check demand for newsprint towards initial quota to fresh applicants and it is effective from the date of notification on 4.10.91.

(c) and (d). The Newsprint Allocation Policy is determined keeping the view freedom of press, healthy growth of press, constraints of foreign exchange and checking of misuse of newsprint. This is applicable to all category of newspapers including small ones.

[Eng*lish*]

Relay of News in Regional Languages Through Satellite

488. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to relay the news in all regional languages on a Doordarshan by a separate channel through satellite;

(b) if so, whether the Government has